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by 16 after August 1, 1904. This increase, making a force of 36, will render it possible, it is hoped, to inspect every part of the city once in 10 days.

Judging from the records, the general mortality appears distinctly

lower than that of a month or two ago.

Report from Progreso and Merida—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever in Merida—Measures against mosquitoes.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports as follows: Week ended July 23, 1904: Estimated population, 8,000; quarantinable diseases, none; total number of deaths, 4. Causes: Dentition, inanition, hysteria, and paludism. General conditions of port and country adjacent, only fair.

There have been frequent rains during the month, with apparent increase of mosquitoes.

Merida still reports continuance of vellow fever.

The sanitary authorities here and in Merida appear to be making earnest effort against the mosquito and the fever, and also for general sanitary improvement.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passen- gers.	Transit.
July 16	Tjomo	New York (via Campeche).	19	0	0
16 16	Hirundo Esperanza	Boston	$\frac{24}{95}$	0 44	0 24
$\frac{19}{22}$	Alm Daggry	na). Mobile New York (via Cam-	24 18	$\frac{2}{0}$	0
22	Freya	peche). United States (via Cuba).	26	0	0

^aThe Frey lay far out; all hands were reported well; no one ashore except captain; no cargo taken and ship remained here only a few hours; was not boarded.

Report from Tampico—Increase of mosquitoes.

Assistant Surgeon McClintic reports, July 25, as follows:

During the week ended July 23, 1904, 8 bills of health were issued and 5 vessels fumigated and certified, as follows: British steamship Logician, July 19, for Pensacola; German steamship Schaumburg, July 19, for New Orleans; Norwegian steamship Iris, July 20, for Galveston; British steamship Wearside, July 23, for Norfolk, via Perth Amboy, and Norwegian steamship Nordkin, July 23, for New Orleans. Heavy rains are frequent and the mosquitoes are rapidly increasing. Along the river front the mosquitoes are so bad that the crews of vessels state that they are unable to sleep, as it is practically impossible to protect themselves, even with mosquitoe nets, and their faces and extremities show evidence of having been badly bitten, sometimes so much so as to make them almost unfit for duty.

Report from Veracruz—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden reports, July 19, as follows: During the week ended July 16, 1904, 5 vessels bound for United States ports were inspected and given bills of health.